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SUBJECT: SECVISIT BRAZIL: INFORMAL REMARKS TO EMBASSY STAFF

1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED POINTS FOR SECRETARY'S INFORMAL REMARKS DURING BRIEF VISIT TO CHANCERY IN BRASILIA (FEBRUARY 19, 6:30 PM -- OPTIONAL)

2. BEGIN TEXT:

-- I AM HAPPY TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GREET THE STAFF OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BRASILIA, AND TO DO SO IN THIS NEW EMBASSY BUILDING.

-- MY VISIT HERE PROMISES NO MAGIC SOLUTIONS TO DIFFICULT PROBLEMS; RATHER IT IS AN EFFORT TO UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO OUR RELATIONS WITH A DYNAMIC AND INCREASINGLY INFLUENTIAL COUNTRY. WE ARE STRIVING FOR A SOUND BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, BUILT ON REALISTIC PERCEPTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS, ON A SINCERE DESIRE TO FIND ACCOMMODATIONS

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WHERE THESE ARE POSSIBLE, AND ON A RESPECT AND MATURITY

WHICH ALLOWS US TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT SOME DIFFERENCES -
ARE UNEVITABLE.

-- THE EVOLVING BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IS PERHAPS THE
AREA IN WHICH YOU SHARE MOST DIRECTLY WITH US IN WASHINGTON

THE CHALLENGES AND THE EFFORT. BUT EQUALLY YOU CANNOT
ESCAPE THE WEB OF ISSUES WHICH ARE GLOBAL, DEFYING BILATERAL
SOLUTIONS. THIS IS PART OF THE REALITY WE FACE.

-- WE ARE, MOREOVER, ALSO IN A TIME OF BASIC REDEFINITION
IN TERMS OF THE BROAD CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

-- WE ARE ENGAGED IN WASHINGTON IN A SERIOUS AND
SIGNIFICANT DEBATE OVER THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF THE
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES IN THE FOREIGN POLICY
MAKING PROCESS.

-- THE INTELLIGENT AND WISE RESOLUTION OF PROCEDURAL AND
CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS WILL DETERMINE HOW WE MAKE FOREIGN
POLICY AND HOW WE CARRY IT OUT. ON THIS WILL REST THE
SECURITY AND WELL BEING OF OUR COUNTRY, AND TO SOME EXTENT
THE STABILITY AND PROGRESS OF OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD
IN THIS FINAL QUARTER OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

-- ALL OUR TASKS ARE MORE DIFFICULT IN A TIME OF
TRANSITION, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE LABORS AND
INSIGHTS OF THOSE OF YOU IN THE FRONT LINES OF OUR FOREIGN
POLICY EFFORTS ARE IMPORTANT TO THE PROCESS -- AND ARE
APPRECIATED. INGERSOLL

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